Mike and Melissa
Episode 23: Mike and Melissa Are Gettin’ Married!... Wait, WHAT?!?

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SCENE 1- INT. MIKE’S BEDROOM, 9/28/2011, 12AM

Same setup as the end of Season 2, you know the deal. I’m proposin’ to MEL on the bed.

MIKE
Melissa, will you marry me-

MELISSA
Yes, yes, YES!!!

She tackles me and bombards me with smooches!

MELISSA
So, was this your plan the whole time? Distract me with your perfect gift idea so that you could ambush me with the question?

MIKE
Uh... sort of...

MELISSA
You just thought it up now, didn’t you?

MIKE
Yeah...

MELISSA
Whatever.

We smooch some more.

MIKE
So... what’d you get me?

MELISSA
Uh... er... um...

MIKE
Come on, what’d you get me? I’ve been waiting since the end of last season to find out!

MELISSA
Well, that’s funny you should mention... because I got you THE ENTIRE BOX SET OF MIKE AND MELISSA SEASON 2 ON DVD!!!

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MIKE
OH DARLING, YOU GOT ME THE PERFECT PRESENT!!! NOT JUST FOR AN ANNIVERSARY, BUT FOR ANY TIME!!!

MELISSA
BETTER THAN A WEDDING RING???

MIKE
MAYBE NOT, BUT PRETTY DAMN CLOSE!!!

We smooch. I look directly at the camera.

MIKE
FUCK YOU! BUY MY DVD!

MELISSA
Mike, please. That’s no way to sell a product.

MIKE
(to MEL)
FUCK YOU! BUY MY DVD!!!

MELISSA
Okay. (beat) Wow, maybe you’re onto something there.

INTRO SEQUENCE!!!

SCENE 2- INT. MIKE’S BEDROOM, 9/28/2011, 12PM

MELISSA stirs awake. MIKE is already awake... for once before MEL. Both still look ravaged from the night before.

MIKE
Morning, sunshine.

MELISSA
Afternoon to you... you’re awfully chipper today, aren’t ya?

MIKE
Yeah, I didn’t even need you to wake me up. Weird, huh?

MELISSA
Very weird!

MIKE
I guess it’s because I’m just so excited... Melissa, we’re getting married.

MELISSA
AHH WE ARE!!!

MIKE
Oh my gosh there’s just so much to think about... we’ve gotta pick a date, figure out who to invite, where we’re gonna have it-

MELISSA
Here’s something else to think about. Don’t you have class today?

MIKE
Do I...? Blah, who gives a hoot? We’ve got more important things to think about. We’re getting married!

MELISSA
We are! Still, don’t think that just because we’re getting married you can forget about living your life.

MIKE
I know... or maybe that’s EXACTLY what I can do! It’ll be great. Once we’re hitched, we can get out of this mess. No more college, no more stupid humans, no more day-to-day BS... just you and me in a happy little house in our happy place. I just can’t wait! Melissa... WE’RE GETTING MARRIED!

MELISSA
Yeah... we are...

She looks away, a bit perturbed.

MIKE
What’s up? Something the matter?

MELISSA
Yeah, something is the matter actually...

MIKE
What?

MELISSA
...What kind of CAKE ARE WE GONNA GET???

MIKE
GAD ZOOKS, YOU'RE RIGHT!!! THAT'S A HUGE THING TO CONSIDER!!!

SCENE 3- INT. MIKE'S CAR, 10/1/2011, 3PM

MIKE, LEE, PHIL, and JOE are in the car driving down by the Meijer on Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Where are we going? I don't fuckin' remember, it's been two years!

LEE
So, Phil, how are things going with the new lady?

JOE
Yeah, how are things with ol' Gertrude?

PHIL
Uh... you mean Gretchen?

JOE
Gretchen, Gertrude... it's all a bunch of guttural Germanic G-names. Those Germans and their ugly names and their ugly language... BALDERDASH!!! IT'S ALL A BUNCH OF BALDERDASH, MIKE!!!

I look at him like "why are you yelling at me?"

JOE
Anyways... I digress. How are things with Gertrude.

PHIL
Well... GRETCHEN and I met up, got high, and had sex... then she said "I love you" during it... At the time I ignored it, but afterward she started talking about how excited she was to introduce me to her parents... to which I responded, 'uh, maybe getting high and having sex with someone you

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PHIL (cont'd)
just met online a week ago isn't the best way to determine if I'm the guy you want to be with for the rest of your life'. So I don't think I'll be seeing her again.

JOE
No, you should get married to her. Then she can be Gertrude Glockenspiel-Boos just like you always wanted!

PHIL
Ugh...

MIKE
No, Phil, I think Joe might be onto something. Hey, while we're on the subject, what do you guys think sounds better... Melissa Chenoweth-Mouffette or Melissa Mouffette-Chenoweth? I'm kinda leaning towards Chenoweth-Mouffette myself.

LEE
...Why do you ask?

MIKE
Well I got a bit of an announcement to make... Melissa and I are gettin' married!!!

I do jazz hands, even though there's a hush in the car afterwards.

MIKE
Well, gee, don't sound so excited guys-

LEE
TWO HANDS ON THE WHEEL!!!

A loud honk as I notice my car is veering into the wrong lane. I quickly and jerkily correct it.

MIKE
Jesus... so yeah, anyways, that's happening.

JOE
Well, that’s good news...

MIKE
It doesn’t sound like you think it is.

JOE
No, it’s not that. I mean, I just wonder, is that what you really want?

MIKE
It sure is. I asked her on our anniversary. See, I was straining myself for the perfect gift idea for her to show her how much I care about her, but eventually it clicked. What better way to show her than to devote my eternal and undying affection to her? And the best part of all? Since the ring was imaginary, it was FREE!

PHIL
Clever.

MIKE
I know, right?

JOE
Well, that sounds really cool and I’m happy for the two of you. But I have another question. Does that mean that you’ve given up on real women?

MIKE
Ah... I mean, I guess things don’t really have to change between us, it just makes our relationship more official or whatever. But at the same time, I’m really just not all that interested in real women right now. I got a good thing going with Melissa, so why not?

JOE
That’s fine, I’m just saying. You’re 21 years old, there’s still a lot of time to think about things and find someone who could be your real life Melissa. Don’t get me

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JOE (cont’d)
wrong, what you have with Melissa is beautiful, and the fact that you’ve given so much of your life and love to an imaginary entity is... well, it’s very YOU. You have a lot of love to give, but there are a lot of people just like you who are looking for that kind of love and deserve it too. And in all honesty... it would be cruel to not share that kind of love with someone else.

A long, contemplative pause.

JOE
But as I said, if that’s what you really want, more power to you. Just keep that in mind.

MIKE
Okay.

LEE
So, are you gonna have kids?

MIKE
I dunno, maybe. Haven’t thought about it.

LEE
I can just imagine a bunch of little half-Mike, half-Melissas running around all over the place. And all these little Mikelissas crawling all over the house and getting into everything and pretty soon the whole world is getting taken over by a tiny Mikelissa army and we’re all drowning in Mikelissas...

We all look at him like "what?"

LEE
See, this is why I shouldn’t say things.

SCENE 4- INT. LIZ'S CONDO, 10/4/2011, 7PM

LIZ and I are makin' a pizza make makin' a pizza! I finish stretchin' the dough while she preps the toppings (if you must know, we're makin' a Hawaiian BBQ Chicken. My fave!) The place is kinda messy, moreso than usual anyways.

LIZ
Make a pizza make make a pizza.

MIKE
Make a pizza make make a pizza. You got a pizza makin' tray?

LIZ
Yeah, but I think it's downstairs.

MIKE
Why's it downstairs?

LIZ
I don't really have room for it in the kitchen with all my other stuff. Plus I don't really use it all that much.

I shrug my shoulders and go snooping around downstairs. I notice a bunch of BRENDAN's stuff still downstairs as I find the tray and bring it up.

MIKE
Why's there still a bunch of Brendan's stuff down here?

LIZ
Because he's been to lazy to get it himself.

MIKE
Can't you guys talk about that and handle it in a civil way?

LIZ
Yeah, well, I've tried calling him and he wouldn't answer. I'm sick of always having to do everything for him. I put in all the effort in the relationship, and I'm just done with it.

MIKE
Liz...

LIZ
Stop taking his side!

MIKE
I’m not taking anyone’s side. It’s just... you guys were together for seven years and you seemed so happy. Then you get married and all the sudden THIS happens. I don’t get it.

LIZ
Well, you didn’t see most of it. I mean, we were having some problems even before we got married, but marriage definitely changes things. Makes it harder to break up too, believe me.

MIKE
If you say so. You didn’t waste any time finding a new guy though.

LIZ
Well, Zack is a really cool guy. He’s looking forward to meeting you, by the way.

MIKE
Yeah well... I can’t say the feeling’s mutual, but... ah well, let’s put this pizza in the oven.

LIZ
Right.

LIZ goes and gathers up the chopped up pineapple.

MIKE
Now why did you go through all the trouble of chopping up that pineapple when you could have just thrown the whole thing on the pizza?

LIZ
I don’t think that’s how it works.

MIKE
It’s how it works in MY HEAD!!!

SCENE 5- INT. MIKE’S APARTMENT, 10/4/2011, 10PM

MELISSA is cozied up in bed, reading a book. Madame Bovary perhaps? Sure, why not? I come in through the back.

MIKE
Hello darling.

MELISSA
Hey hey.

Smooch.

MELISSA
How was hangin’ at Liz’s?

MIKE
It was good, though for pizza night we didn’t get to do my classic whole-pineapple-on-the-pizza... pizza.

MELISSA
That’s too bad. Why must realism continue to vex you, even denying you your desired pizza?

MIKE
I know, seriously! It’s so annoying. Somewhat on that topic though, I think I figured out a good date for the wedding.

MELISSA
Yeah...? When were you thinking?

MIKE
Oh, I was thinking maybe some time like RIGHT NOW!!!

I grab her and stuff her into my head and pull myself in after!

SCENE 6- EXT. MIKE’S HAPPY PLACE WEDDING CEREMONY, EARLY AFTERNOON

A bright, sunny day overlooks a pristine forest clearing, which is populated by an all-out fantasy wedding ceremony! MELISSA’s jazz band, SCRAPS included, is playing our song on chamber instruments. Everyone in THE GANG is there as my groomsmen. NICOLE, VERONICA, and LIZ are among the bridesmaids. Just about every character who’s shown up in

any one of my series or anywhere else in existence is there. SNEEP CAT is presiding over the ceremony, in robes. MEL and I fall in to the front, dressed for the occasion. Oh yeah and I’m in my skunk form.

MELISSA
Wow, this is really beautiful.

MIKE
Only the best for you, darling.

MELISSA
In your skunk form again, I see?

MIKE
Yeah, well... in case there were any technicalities about interspecies marriage. That and because it’s AWESOME!!!

MELISSA
Fair enough.

SNEEP CAT
If everybody’s ready... we are gathered here today to wed this beautiful couple. Well, by that I mean this beautiful woman and the blockhead she’s chosen to spend the rest of her life with.

MIKE
(harsh whisper)
Sneep Cat, what are you doing? Are you even licensed to wed people?

SNEEP CAT
Well, with all the expenses of the wedding, this seems to be the one area you cheaped out on. So you get what you paid for. And by the way, don’t think I forgot about the fare money you owe me-

MIKE
(still whispering)
God, we’ll talk about it later. Just skip ahead to the "I do’s", alright?

SNEEP CAT rolls his eyes.

SNEEP CAT
Do you-

MIKE
And don’t roll your eyes at me!

SNEEP CAT glares daggers at me, almost shaking with rage

SNEEP CAT
Do you take this woman to be your lawfully wedded wife, to cherish and love-

MIKE
I do!

SNEEP CAT
Grr... and do YOU, Melissa, take this doofus to be your lawfully wedded husband, to cherish and love in times of happiness and sorrow, as long as you both shall live?

MELISSA looks around, nervously.

MELISSA
I... I...

She looks me straight in the eyes, tearing up.

MELISSA
I’m so sorry, Mike. I can’t marry you right now.

A deathly hush overcomes the ceremony. A jolt of hurt strikes me as I process what I was just told. NICOLE shrugs and walks away. SNEEP CAT leans over.

SNEEP CAT
I realize this may not be the best time to discuss this, but... payment-

MIKE
DAMN IT SNEEP CAT, THERE WILL NEVER BE A GOOD TIME TO DISCUSS THAT!!!

COMMERCIAL BREAK

SCENE 7- EXT. MIKE’S HAPPY PLACE, EVENING

MELISSA stares out over the waterfall, a million troubles written on her face. I see her and run up to her.

MIKE
Melissa?

MELISSA
Mike...

MIKE
What happened back there?

MELISSA
(sighs)
I was going to talk to you about it tonight, but then you brought me here and I didn’t get a chance to.

MIKE
Why didn’t you say something about it earlier then?

MELISSA
I didn’t know how to tell you. You were so happy and excited about it... the last thing I’d ever want to do is hurt you.

MIKE
Well, you did kind of make a fool out of me in front of all my friends and family, so...

MELISSA
Yeah, but those aren’t your REAL friends and family. So don’t sweat that too much-

MIKE
But what about all the imaginaries? Sneep Cat is never gonna let me live this down-

MELISSA
Well... tell Sneep Cat to go chop an onion.

MIKE
...Why?

MELISSA
I dunno, just to throw him for a loop.

I can’t help but smile.

MIKE
Sweetie... I don’t get it. You seemed so happy when I first proposed to you, why don’t you want to go through with it?

MELISSA
Listen, Mike. I love you more than anything. I couldn’t live my life without you, no matter how you interpret that. I would absolutely love to marry you and grow old with you.

MIKE
Then why-

MELISSA
Let me finish. I’d love to marry you, but right now I really don’t think we should. At least not right now. When you popped the question I was so overwhelmed with joy that I didn’t think ahead to what it would mean if we got married.

MIKE
What do you mean?

MELISSA
I think Joe was right. If we got hitched and ran away to live in our happy place, I’m afraid you’d lose all connection with the outside world. You’d miss out on everything, including the chance to find love with a real person. And as much as I love you, I can’t let you do that to yourself.

MIKE
But it’s what I want. It’s what I’ve wanted ever since I met you.

MELISSA
I know, but maybe it’s not what you NEED.

Pause. MEL gets a mischievious idea.

MELISSA
You know what? I changed my mind. Let’s get married.

MIKE
Wait... are you serious???

MELISSA
Serious as a Sneep Cat!

MIKE
...Alright, whatever.

Smooch.

MIKE
I love you so much baby!

MELISSA
I love you too.

MIKE
So shall we go off on our honeymoon?

MELISSA
Not yet, first we gotta take care of our living situation.

She poofs us to...

SCENE 8- EXT. MIKE AND MELISSA’S DECONSTRUCTED DREAM HOUSE, EARLY AFTERNOON

We appear in a little forest clearing with several timbers lying around, ready for construction.

MIKE
Thinkin’ practical, eh? No prob, I’ll build us a nice little cabin lickedy split.

MELISSA
How’re you gonna do that? Have you built a cabin before?

MIKE
No, but I get the feeling my skunk form should be able to arrange all these logs together pretty easily.

MELISSA
Oh yeah, about that...

I transform back into my lousy human form.

MIKE
Aw, WHAT???

MELISSA
Same species marriage is actually not recognized here, so you have to stay in your human form.

MIKE
MELISSA, THAT LAW IS BEYOND STUPID!!! I'M NOT GOING TO LIE DOWN AND ACCEPT THIS BOGUSNESS!!!

MELISSA
Hey man, I'm right there with you. I don't think there's any reason there should be a law forbidding any loving partners to marry each other.

She stares directly at the camera.

MIKE
Yeah, well, all social justice championing aside, this is my happy place! I'd never allow a law like that in my happy place.

MELISSA
Of course you wouldn't. But property values are WAY too high in your happy place, so we're actually in an adjacent plane known as the "whatever place".

MIKE
Now hold on just a darn second! We're supposed to be without poopy money in imaginary world!

MELISSA
Yeah, but... it'd be one thing if it were just you and me, but we got our kids to think about.

MIKE
...Kids?

MELISSA
Oh yeah I’m pregnant.

She pops out a whole litter of MIKELISSAS, all of which have colic and are crying like crazy.

MELISSA
Oh yeah and skunks usually give birth to litters of 4 to 8...

MIKE
Funny, there are 10 kids here.

MELISSA
Wow, I really outdid myself didn’t I?

She grins at me as I stare on in exasperation.

MELISSA
But seriously, you should get to work on building that house.

I groan and start trying to move logs around.

MIKE
Y’know, I could use a little help here.

MELISSA
I’d be happy to help, but... I’m pregnant again.

MIKE
ALRIGHT, SERIOUSLY??? THAT’S JUST NOT HOW IT WORKS!!!

MELISSA
HOW WOULD YOU KNOW??? YOU’RE NOT A WOMAN!!!

MIKE
...Well, you got me there.

Time passes as I try to assemble our dreamhouse. Unfortunately, it becomes clear that I don’t know what I’m doing and that my stupid human body isn’t strong enough to lift stuff up. So I keep struggling to stack stuff only to have it fall on top of me. Meanwhile MEL has spit up about 30 more MIKELISSAS, all of which also have colic.

MIKE
Melissa... I give up. I wanted to build you a dreamhouse, but in this stupid human form I can’t.

MELISSA
Well I figured that, but I do have a backup option.

She pulls out a newspaper add for a dumpy trailer. I take a look, and as I look up, clever transition to...

SCENE 9- EXT. A DUMPY TRAILER, EVENING

The trailer is even dumpier than it looks in the picture!

MIKE
Oh no. No, no, no, no, absolutely NO!!! There’s no way I’d EVER live in a place like this in real life, why would I do it in my imagination???

MELISSA
Well funny you should say that whole "real life" thing...

MIKE
What?

MELISSA
Oh nothing. Anyways it’s the only place we can afford on our budget. Which reminds me, you’re gonna have to get a job.

MIKE
What are you talking about? I’m a famous writer/showrunner/animator/whatever, right?

MELISSA
WRONG. That was your dream job, but we need money NOW. So you’re gonna have to put your dreams on hold for a while.

MIKE
And lemme guess. You already found a crappy job posting for me, right?

MELISSA
RIGHT!

She takes the paper I’m still holding and flips it around, revealing a job posting for...

MIKE
"Poop parasite handler?" You mean like those things from that David Cronenberg movie?!?

MELISSA
Which one? There are a lot of gross things in Cronenberg movies.

MIKE
You know the one.

MELISSA
Oh yeah, that one. Yeah, just like that one. Gross right? Speaking of, you should probably get going. You’re supposed to be there by now.

MIKE
Oh, wonderful. And how am I supposed to get there, pray tell? I’m assuming at this point I don’t have the Prius and I can’t like fly or teleport or anything...

MELISSA
Now you’re startin’ to get how things work around here!!!

A junky car falls from the sky and lands on the lawn.

MIKE
Melissa...

MELISSA
Hey, I understand if you don’t want this job. I’d go out and work myself, but someone needs to look out for the kids.

She pops out another dozen... and adds one more for good measure.

MELISSA
Oooh, a baker’s dozen!

MIKE
That’s fine, it’s better than poop parasites.

They all crap their diapers at the exact same time.

MIKE
...Then again, maybe they’re the same thing.

SCENE 10- EXT. A DUMPY TRAILER, THE NEXT MORNING

I park my junky car by the trailer and emerge from it, covered in gross... stuff. I open the door and a geyser of MIKELISSAS blows me back. MELISSA comes out in a pink bathrobe with her hair rolled up in curls, holding two MIKELISSAS

MELISSA
Oh, thank god you’re home. I need your help with these freakin’ kids.

MIKE
Melissa, I just spent 14 hours taking care of poop parasites. The things I saw... that they did to me... (shudders) I just need to lie down for-

MELISSA
14 hours? Mike, you were supposed to be there for 18 hours!

Pause. I look like I’m about to explode.

MELISSA
That’s fine, though that probably means that you’re gonna lose your vacation day for the year-

MIKE
Melissa... I get it.

MELISSA
Get what?

MIKE
I don’t want to get married anymore.

MELISSA
Well, it’s a little late for that, don’t you think-

MIKE
FINE! THEN I WANT A DIVORCE!!!

MELISSA
Are you sure you wanna go through with that? You don’t want a big mess like your sister had, do you? How are we gonna split up the stuff? Where are you gonna live after I get the trailer? Do you have any idea how much you’d have to pay in child support-

MIKE
MELISSA!!! ENOUGH ALREADY!!!

MELISSA
Okay... fine.

MELISSA snaps her fingers and we’re back to...

SCENE 11- INT. MIKE’S BEDROOM, 10/4/2011, 11PM

MEL and I plop down onto the bed.

MELISSA
Look, I’m sorry I put you through all that. I admit poop parasites might have been a little extreme-

MIKE
A LITTLE???

MELISSA
Okay, a LOT. But do you understand what I’m trying to say?

MIKE
That if we get married my life will become a living hell?

MELISSA
Nope. Actually if we get married our relationship probably wouldn’t change that much at all.

MIKE
THEN WHY-

MELISSA
Look, here’s my point. Marriage is something that a lot of people get really excited about and have really high expectations for, a lot of which can be unrealistic. Everything changes, including the people themselves. And sometimes those changes and the level of commitment it takes can be too much to handle.

MIKE
But you just said that it WOULDN’T change our relationship that much!

MELISSA
That’s true, but think of what else it would change. It’d change how everyone else views you and views us. And it would change YOU. You seem so eagar to do this and run away with me that I’m afraid you’d lose the chance to experience the joys in the real world that you’ve been searching for. You still have school to finish, friends to make, love to find, and a whole other bunch of stuff in between. So before you jump the gun and make a decision you might wind up regretting, I wanted you to be ABSOULUTELY SURE you know what you might be getting into and what you’d be leaving behind.

MIKE
Couldn’t you have just told me all that before we went through that ordeal?

MELISSA
I could have, but it wouldn’t have been as fun!

MIKE
Speak for yourself...

MELISSA
Hey man, what are you complaining about? I spat out like over 9000 crying Mikelissas.

MIKE
Hello random reference.

MELISSA
Hello right back at ya!

She jumps up and does the Carlton dance from Fresh Prince.

MIKE
So, we’re not getting married. Where’s that leave us then?

MELISSA
What are you talking about? We’re still engaged, aren’t we?

MIKE
Well... I guess so.

MEL moves closer and takes my hands

MELISSA
Shoot yes we are! It’s like I told you before. I DO want to marry you; if I didn’t I wouldn’t have said "yes". But I want us to do it when we’re both certain and ready.

MIKE
When will that be though?

MELISSA
I dunno, maybe not a long time... but even if this winds up being a very long engagement (like that movie with Audrey Tatou), I’m still gonna support you and love you just as much as I would if we were married for like a bajillion years.

MIKE
Well... that’s that matters really.

MELISSA
Darn right.

We exchange licks.

MELISSA
So sort of on that subject... CAN I BE AUDREY TATOU???

MIKE
Sure.

MELISSA
GENIAL!!!

She poofs in a tuba and starts pooting notes.

MIKE
Keep in mind though I didn’t ask Audrey Tatou to marry me. I asked YOU.

MELISSA
Oh, I love you Mike!!!

MIKE
I love you too, Melis- OOF!!!

She pounces into me, still with the tuba.

MELISSA
Whoops, sorry.

She poofs the tuba away and we start makin’ out. I stop her for a sec.

MIKE
Hey Melissa, I just thought of something... we’ve had a lot of sex and we haven’t exactly been all that careful about it... how have you not gotten pregnant?

MELISSA
Oh, because I don’t feel like it.

MIKE
Oh okay.

We resume smooching.

OUTRO SEQUENCE!!!

PRACTICE SAFE SEX! Unless she doesn’t feel like getting pregnant. Then you’re fine.